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1. MONTHLY TELEGRAPHIC REPORT TO BE SENT SEPARATELY. HAVE NOTED COMMENT IN PAR 4.

2. LEGAL ADVISER IS IN THE PROCESS OF CONFIRMING THE CHARGES LISTED WITH THE COURT RECORDS. AS NOTED IN THE ARREST REPORT OF FEB 28, CHARGES WERE DERIVED FROM DEFENSE LAWYERS OR INTITIAL ARREST REPORTS. THIS ACCOUNTS FOR CHANGES FROM PREVIOUS MONTHS.

3. THE AMOUNT OF COCAINE FOUND ON A PERSON MAY OR MAY NOT BE RELEVANT TO THE DETERMINATION OF THE CHARGE PLACED AGAINST A DEFENDANT. IN SOME CASES WHERE TRAFFICKING IS CHARGED, THE AMOUNTS ARE OFTEN SMALL OR NON-EXISTANT BUT THE FISCAL BELIEVES THE INDIVIDUALS WERE INVOLVED IN A CONSPIRACY TO TRANSPORT DRUGS TO THE UNITED STATES.

4. EMBASSY WISHES TO EMPHASIZE THAT MONTHLY REPORT IS PREPARED FOR INTERNAL USE AND CONVENIENCE OF EMBASSY AND DEPARTMENT OFFICERS. IT IS NOT A PUBLIC DOCUMENT AND ITS CONTENTS ARE NEITHER OFFICIAL NOR DO THEY NECESSARILY REPRESENT
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FORMAL LEGAL OPINION. WHILE REPORT IS VERY USEFUL EMBASSY BELIEVES IT MUST BE USED WITH CAUTION. AS DEPT AWARE, EMBASSY DOES PROVIDE FREQUENT, CURRENT AND MORE THOROUGH INFORMATION ON PROGRESS OF SPECIFIC CASES.

5. LEGAL ADVISER RETURNED MAR 31 AFTERNOON FROM SANTA CRUZ. WE WILL DISCUSS WITH HIM THE CHARGES AND THE STATUS

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OF THE CASES THERE AND IN COCHABAMBA. REPORT SOONEST.

6. PLEASE SEND 50 COPIES OF ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF BOLIVIAN NARCOTICS LAW PROMULGATED IN JANUARY. IT IS NECESSARY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF AND INCLUSION IN PRISONERS' PACKETS.
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